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PROBABLE CAUSE AFFIDAVIT FOR:

Name: REBECCA LYNN O'DONNELL
281 QUAPAW TRL. BIGGERS ARKANSAS, 72413

Pursuant to Rule 7.1 of the Arkansas Rules of Criminal Procedure, the undersigned affiant being duly sworn deposes and says that he has reason to believe that the above named person on or about the has committed the following offenses:

2 counts - Solicitation to commit Capital Murder in violation a ACA§5-10-101, a class "A" Felony, and

2 counts - Solicitation to commit Tampering with physical evidence in violation of ACA§5-53-11, a class "A" Misdemeanor,

STATE OF ARKANSAS)
)
COUNTY OF JACKSON)

PROBABLE CAUSE AFFIDAVIT

CASE NUMBER: ASP-2019-1476

Comes now, Special Agent Mike McNeill of the Arkansas State Police and after being sworn states on oath:

That I am the Investigator assigned to this investigation and I represent the Arkansas State Police. I have been a Certified Law Enforcement Officer in the State of Arkansas since 1998.

On October 24, 2019 Jackson County Inmate Shana Hembrey was interviewed by Jackson County Detective Adam Zitzelberger. Ms. Hembrey informed Det. Zitzelberger that Rebecca O'Donnell was trying to hire her and inmate Cassandra Geoffrion to kill Phil Smith. Ms. Hembrey advised that O'Donnell wanted the death of Phil Smith to look like a suicide. Ms. Hembrey advised that Ms. O'Donnell also wanted her and Geoffrion to travel to the Randolph County Jail where her vehicle is being held and blow it up to destroy any evidence that may be in the vehicle.

On November 7, 2019 I conducted a second interview with Ms. Hembrey. Ms. Hembrey started off the interview informing me that Becky O'Donnell approached her and inmate Cassandra Geoffrion requesting that they kill Phil Smith. Ms. Hembrey has been a cellmate with Rebecca O'Donnell for past ninety-two (92) days.

Ms. Hembrey also stated that Ms. O'Donnell wants her to go to Randolph County and blow up her 2005 Honda Civic. Ms. Hembrey advised that Ms. O'Donnell wants the death of Phil Smith to look like a suicide. She advised that the wife of Phil Smith (Mary Smith) is also supposed to be killed. She stated that she is supposed to shoot or hang Mr. Smith causing his death and then she is supposed to pack a bag so it looks like Mary was in the process of leaving Mr. Smith. Ms. Hembrey advised that Mr. Smith is supposed to have gold and silver in his home and she is supposed to take the gold and silver as payment for killing Mr. Smith.

Ms. Hembrey advised that another inmate by the name of Rebecca Landrum was also asked by Ms. O'Donnell to kill Mr. Smith.

On November 7, I conducted an interview with Jackson County Inmate Cassandra Geoffrion. Ms. Geoffrion started off the interview informing me that Becky O'Donnell approached her and inmate Shana Hembrey requesting that they kill Phil Smith. Ms. Geoffrion stated that she would never do what Ms. O'Donnell has asked however she is concerned that someone else, a more gullible individual may do what O'Donnell is asking. Ms. Geoffrion has been incarcerated at the Jackson County Detention Center for past sixty (60) days and during that time she has been housed with Becky O'Donnell.

During this interview Ms. Geoffrion produced several hand written notes that were concealed under her shirt. She advised that Ms. O'Donnell is responsible for writing the "suicide note" which Ms. Geoffrion turned over to me.

Ms. Geoffrion advised that Emily Loggains the daughter of Tim Loggains came to the Jackson County Sheriff's Office and picked up Her/Geoffrion's cellphone so Emily could have access to Geoffrion's contacts which she would use in an attempt to get Ms. Geoffrion bonded out. (It should be noted that jail documents show Emily Loggains showed up to the Jackson County Detention Center on November 1, 2019 at which time she received Ms. Geoffrions Samsung cellphone and phone charger.)

Ms. Geoffrion advised that she and Ms. O'Donnell are currently in separate "pods" however the wall separating the two "pods" has a door which they use to pass notes back and forth. Ms. Geoffrion advised that Ms. O'Donnell passed her the "suicide note" on Tuesday November 5, 2019 sometime after dinner. Geoffrion advised that even though the cell door that separates the two pods stays locked they are still able to slide notes under the door and talk to one another easily. (It should be noted that video surveillance from inside the Jackson County Detention Center shows that on November 5, 2019 at approximately 7:53pm Ms. O'Donnell passes what appears to be at least two (2) notes under the locked cell door in question. Ms. Geoffrion is seen receiving the notes from Ms. O'Donnell.

Ms. Geoffrion advised that Ms. O'Donnell told her that for killing Phil Smith she could take his gold and silver which he has at his residence.

Ms. Geoffrion advised that Ms. O'Donnell told her that her car is being held in evidence and she wants Geoffrion to blow it up.

On November 13, 2019 I conducted an interview with Rebecca Landrum. Ms. Landrum advised that she spent approximately forty (40) days in the Jackson County Detention Center. Ms. Landrum stated that while in the Jackson County jail she came in regular contact with inmate Becky O'Donnell.

Ms. Landrum advised that Ms. O'Donnell approached her on several occasions wanting her to kill Phil Smith, Judge Harold Erwin, and Henry Boyce. She advised that Ms. O'Donnell told her that Phil Smith had set her up.

Ms. Landrum advised that Ms. O'Donnell told her that Phil Smith needed to be killed and a "suicide note" was to be left so the "charges would be dropped off her." Ms. O'Donnell also wanted Ms. Landrum to "make evidence disappear."

Ms. Landrum stated that Ms. O'Donnell told her that Phil Smith currently resides in Mammoth Spring and that is where he is to be killed.

Ms. Landrum stated that Ms. O'Donnell asked her to locate her car that is in police custody and burn it. She advised that Ms. O'Donnell's car should either be at the state crime lab or in Randolph County. Ms. Landrum advised that Ms. O'Donnell told her that "police had planted stuff in her trunk."

Ms. Landrum advised that she would be compensated for killing Mr. Smith. She advised that Mr. Smith is supposed to have a bag of gold and silver in his home and she is supposed to take it as payment after Mr. Smith is killed. Ms. O'Donnell told Ms. Landrum that the last time Linda had the gold and silver appraised it was worth between twenty thousand (\$20,000.00) and thirty-thousand (\$30,000.00) dollars.

Ms. Landrum advised that Ms. O'Donnell also asked inmate Melissa Duede, to carry out the killing of Phil Smith.

On November 15, I conducted an interview with Arkansas Department of Corrections Inmate Melissa Duede. Ms. Duede advised that while being held in the Jackson County Jail she heard Becky O'Donnell asked Rebecca Landrum if she knew any "Mexican people" that would be willing to kill "Phil." Ms. Duede advised that "Phil" was "Linda's" ex-husband. Ms. Duede also stated that Ms. O'Donnell wanted Prosecutor Henry Boyce killed.

Ms. Duede stated that O'Donnell wanted her to ask her boyfriend if he would kill "Phil" and Henry Boyce. Ms. Duede informed O'Donnell that she would not ask her boyfriend to participate in a murder. Ms. Duede stated it was at this time when Landrum stated that she knew "Some Mexicans." Ms. O'Donnell then asked Landrum if she could get it done and Landrum stated "Yeah I could see

about it." Ms. Duede advised that O'Donnell provided Ms. Landrum with a list of Names and personal information of certain individuals.

Ms. Duede stated that O'Donnell let it be known that whoever helped her would be compensated.

SA Mike McNeill #270
Special Agent. Mike McNeill #270

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 6th day of January, 2020
2019

Wanda Coffman
NOTARY PUBLIC JUDGE

My Commission Expires:

